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**ROMNEY ADMINISTRATION COMMITS \$5.9M IN TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT FUNDS
TO SUPPORT SMART GROWTH IN MASSACHUSETTS**

In its ongoing effort to promote smart growth in Massachusetts, the Romney Administration today awarded \$5.9 million to support transit-oriented development projects around the state, including new housing development in Boston and Fitchburg, and pedestrian and bicycle improvements in Boston, Holyoke, Worcester, Cambridge, Cohasset, Lowell, Scituate and Somerville.

“Smart growth is about building in and around central business districts or traditional city or town centers, near transit stations, or in areas that have been previously developed for commercial, industrial or institutional uses. It is also about offering improved transportation and mobility choices to reduce automobile dependence,” said Office for Commonwealth Development Chief Andrew Gottlieb. “Today’s awards will go a long way in improving our quality of life in Massachusetts because these projects will create more housing and create more vibrant neighborhoods where walking, bicycling, and public transit are viable mobility options.”

The awards come from the state’s Transit Oriented Development (TOD) bond program which provides grants of between \$500,000 and \$2 million to help spur mixed use development with housing, shops, work places, and other destinations close to transit centers. The program also funds pedestrian improvements, bicycle facilities, parking facilities, and housing—as long as 25% of that housing is affordable—in mixed use developments within ¼ mile of a transit station.

The \$30 million TOD bond program was authorized by the state Legislature and launched by the Governor’s Office for Commonwealth Development in 2005 as part of the Administration’s efforts to advance smart growth projects and to provide greater transportation choices to foster reduced automobile use and improve air quality.

Communities receiving the \$5.9 million will use their awards (*see attached sheet for project details*) for a variety of purposes, from building new housing to designing and implementing better pedestrian and bicycle access in and around neighborhoods, town centers and transit stations.

“This is the type of development that we’d like to see in Massachusetts, and we are pleased at how positively communities and developers are responding,” said Gottlieb.

To date there are more than 88 TOD projects in various stages of planning, development, or already completed in transit station areas, including over 26,000 units of housing, 4.6 million square feet of retail development, and 11million square feet of office development.

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Municipality	Project Type	Project Name	Sponsor(s)	Description	Cost
Chinatown (Boston)	Preliminary Design	Parcel 24 Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvements	MassHousing	Design pedestrian and bicycle enhancements to Hudson Street to improve this Chinatown neighborhood's access to South Station and Rose Kennedy Greenway.	\$ 50,000
Framingham	Preliminary Design	Downtown Framingham TOD Pedestrian Design Plan	Town of Framingham	Design pedestrian improvements to create better connections between commuter rail and bus service to housing and services in Downtown Framingham.	\$ 50,000
Holyoke	Preliminary Design	Holyoke TOD Connections	City of Holyoke	Design pedestrian links and related improvements from new Canal walk to the Multimodal Transportation Center in the central business district.	\$ 50,000
Jamaica Plain (Boston)	Preliminary Design	Jackson Square Redevelopment Project: Phase 1	Mass Housing Partnership	Design system of sidewalks, crosswalks, bicycle facilities, and open space connections around new mixed use development which includes 375 mixed income residences, 60,000 square feet of retail, and 50,000 square feet of commercial and community facilities at Jackson Square Station.	\$ 50,000
Mattapan (Boston)	Preliminary Design	Mattapan Pedestrian And Bicycle Improvements Project	DCR	Design pedestrian and bicycle improvements to connect two legs of Neponset River Trail System through Mattapan Station and Mattapan Square.	\$ 50,000
Worcester	Preliminary Design	Improvements to Union Station Pedestrian Access	City of Worcester	Design aesthetic and public safety improvements for five tunnels and underpasses linking surrounding neighborhoods to Union Station in Worcester.	\$ 50,000
Cambridge	Pedestrian & Bicycle Improvements	Harvard Square Improvement Project	City of Cambridge	SUBTOTAL PRELIMINARY DESIGN Improve pedestrian and bicycle safety and travel patterns in the Harvard Square TOD district by providing reconstructed sidewalks, curb extensions, crosswalks, bicycle paths, bicycle parking, safe bicycle crossings, lighting, street trees, public plazas and new signage.	\$ 300,000
Cohasset	Pedestrian Improvements	Route 3A/King Street Sidewalk	Town of Cohasset	Construct sidewalks and other pedestrian improvements to connect downtown Cohasset, Cohasset's new TOD overlay District, and the new Cohasset Commuter Station under construction.	\$ 1,000,000
Dorchester (Boston)	Pedestrian Improvements	Adams-Street-to-Dorchester-Avenue Walkway Improvements (1460 House)	Mass Housing Partnership	Rehabilitate pedestrian walkway from Adams Street to Dorchester Avenue and Fields Corner Station.	\$ 225,000
Lowell	Pedestrian Improvements	Hamilton Canal District Access Improvement Project	City of Lowell	Provide a pedestrian connection between the Gallagher Intermodal Transportation Terminal and the Hamilton Canal District area. The project will consist of improvements to sidewalks, crosswalks, curbing, traffic islands, and roadway edges.	\$ 60,000
Scituate	Pedestrian Improvements	Greenbush Streetscape Improvements	Town of Scituate	Construct/install sidewalks, ornamental lighting, street trees, and tree grates to complement other MBTA pedestrian improvements concurrent with the opening of the new Greenbush Commuter Station.	\$ 500,000
Somerville	Pedestrian & Bicycle Improvements	Sullivan Square MBTA Station Pedestrian Access and Streetscape Improvements	Boston Redevelopment Authority	Streetscape and intersection improvements including lighting, curb bulb-outs, crosswalks, traffic signal upgrades, and bicycle improvements to provide better access for pedestrians and bicyclists using East Broadway to access the Sullivan Square MBTA station.	\$ 417,475
Dorchester (Boston)	Housing	1460 House	Mass Housing Partnership	SUBTOTAL PED/BIKE IMPROVEMENTS Construct 42 new affordable rental units in a newly constructed mixed-use development on a blighted sight across from Fields Corner Subway stop.	\$ 2,681,475
Fitchburg	Housing	470 Main Street	City of Fitchburg	Redevelop a historic property to create a mixed-use development with 31 rental units (8 affordable) on Main Street in downtown Fitchburg.	\$ 1,025,000
Roxbury (Boston)	Housing	2451 Washington St	MassHousing	Construct 37 new mixed-income condos on vacant lot close to bus, silver line and commercial amenities in Dudley Square.	\$ 400,000
Roxbury (Boston)	Housing	Kasanof Bakery	MassHousing	Construct 53 affordable rental units as part of a mixed-income, mixed-use development on the former Kasanof Bakery site.	\$ 500,000
				SUBTOTAL HOUSING PROJECTS	\$ 1,000,000
					\$ 2,925,000
				GRAND TOTAL OF ALL TOD PROJECTS	\$ 5,906,475

